

SEPARATIST REGIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THEIR GEOPOLITICAL IMPACT ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

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ABSTRACT

Many Western European countries suffer from the presence of some regions that seek to secede under the influence of geopolitical changes (economic-religious-linguistic-cultural) that crystallized separatist movements throughout their history, and despite the great efforts made by the European Union towards integration and unity, the separatist regions As the Spanish (Catalonia and Basque) regions, the Italians (Veneto and Lombardy), the Belgian (Flanders), the French (Corsica) and Scotland in Britain, they have gained great momentum at the present time and achieved many gains and wide privileges, and that the secession of the regions from them will leave Significant implications for the future of the European Union and its geostrategic impact.

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